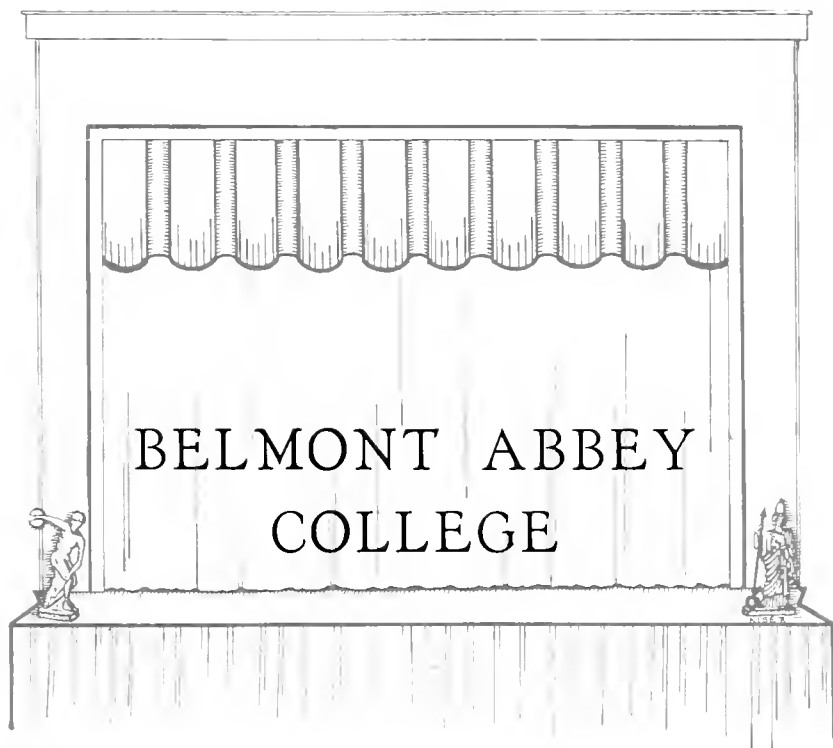


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DEDICATION

TO ABBEY'S "OLD BOYS"

To all those who once attended classes in Abbey halls, who trod her corridors, who battled valiantly for the furtherance of her athletic fame, who strolled in warm and peaceful comradeship along the Avenue, who loved the spires of her Cathedral, who lived a life of cheerful good-fellowship with priests, teachers and classmates—to these we dedicate this volume of memories. We do so with the hope that it may bring back to them, in the softened clarity of yesterday's good times, their own memories of Abbey. Especially would we have this book serve as another link in the chain that binds the affections of Abbeymen—those gone and those to come—to Abbey. The class of '38 joins hands in spirit with the class of '78 to give honor to Belmont Abbey, the "Alma Mater" of them both.



BELMONT ABBEY COLLEGE



FOREWORD

THIS 1938 edition of THE SPIRE has a double purpose. Primarily, it intends to mark the sixtieth anniversary of Belmont Abbey College. Then, it has been produced in an effort to prevent time from completely obliterating the recollections of the happiness of Abbey life from the memories of Students of Today, Students of Years-Gone-By, and of the members of the Community of Belmont Abbey.

To those Students of the Present, may it be a permanent record of classmates, professors and activities. May it provoke many happy memories of campus and class activities, as time assumes evergrowing proportions in separating them from college days.

To the Alumni, may it be the means of recalling faces, scenes and incidents which can live now in the realm of reminiscence alone. We paraphrase the oft-quoted line in stating the effect we hope this volume may have upon them. "Backward, turn backward, O time, in thy flight; make them all students again just for tonight."

Finally, may this SPIRE provide the members of the Community of Belmont Abbey with another chronicle of the life and the progress of the institution to whose service they have devoted their lives.

If this volume is instrumental in recalling old friends to the reader's mind, in visualizing for him old scenes and activities connected with his and our Alma Mater, then, our purpose will be attained and our fondest hope realized.

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A Historical Sketch

The War between the States was over. Like a forest fire this civil strife had devastated fertile and flourishing lands from the Chesapeake to the Gulf. With the lands and the people, the Church, too, suffered—especially in North Carolina. It was to aid this suffering Church that the first Benedictines came South in 1876.

Once there, the followers of St. Benedict cooperated with the Southern priesthood in an effort to restore the happiness that had been shattered by civil strife. They sought to implant the seeds of Truth, the love of God and Country, in minds which such a short time previously had harbored hatred, bigotry and a lust for blood. The advent of these workers was hailed eagerly by all concerned with the welfare of the Church. And no wonder, for at this time North Carolina was the most thoroughly non-Catholic State in the Union.

Late in the same year, the Rev. Jeremiah O'Connell presented the Rt. Rev. James Gibbons, Vicar Apostolic of North Carolina, a plantation in Gaston County, known as Caldwell's Place. This, the site of our present school, was little more than a wilderness and must have lessened the courage, though not the zeal, of the small band of Monks who had come South to found a monastery.

From a small log cabin, a frame chapel dedicated to the Blessed Virgin under her title of Mary, Help of Christians, from a scanty brick college, St. Mary's College and Mary-Help Abbey grew into what is today the only Catholic college in the South Atlantic states and the oldest monastery in the entire South.

Once a foothold had been secured, the institution grew rapidly. The corner stone of the Cathedral was laid on the Feast of St. Leo, 1894, by Cardinal Gibbons. Work was begun on the beautiful specimen of Gothic architecture now standing. The stained glass windows of this Cathedral are said to be the finest in America, and they took first prize at the World's Fair in Chicago, 1893.

The rapid growth was checked somewhat in 1900—May 19th—by a fire which swept over half the school. A high wind fanned the flames and had it not been for a most fortunate change in direction of this wind, Belmont Abbey would have been nothing more than a heap of ashes.

The numerous events which go to make up the history of Belmont Abbey are not always well understood. One misconception in particular is the derivation of the present name of the school and monastery. Prior to 1895, the town of Belmont was named Garibaldi. In that year the town was incorporated and renamed Belmont in honor of Hon. Perry Belmont, member of the House of Representatives from New York, and a personal friend of Bishop Haid. The Abbey, meanwhile, retained its title of Mary-Help Abbey until 1910, when it was raised to the status of an Abbey "Nullius." Following customary ecclesiastical traditions, the Abbey assumed the name of the town in which it is situated—Belmont. Then, in 1913, at a meeting of the alumni, the name of St. Mary's College was changed to Belmont Abbey College.

Such, in brief, is the history of the institution whose sixtieth anniversary we are celebrating this year. It is a history not lacking in joy and certainly not devoid of sadness and hardship. However, it is a history of courage, perseverance and trust in God—a history that augurs well for the future of Belmont Abbey, that promises even greater advancement during the next sixty years of her existence than was made during her first six decades.

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The College



SCENE I

Campus Views



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THE CATHEDRAL



MAY DEVOTIONS

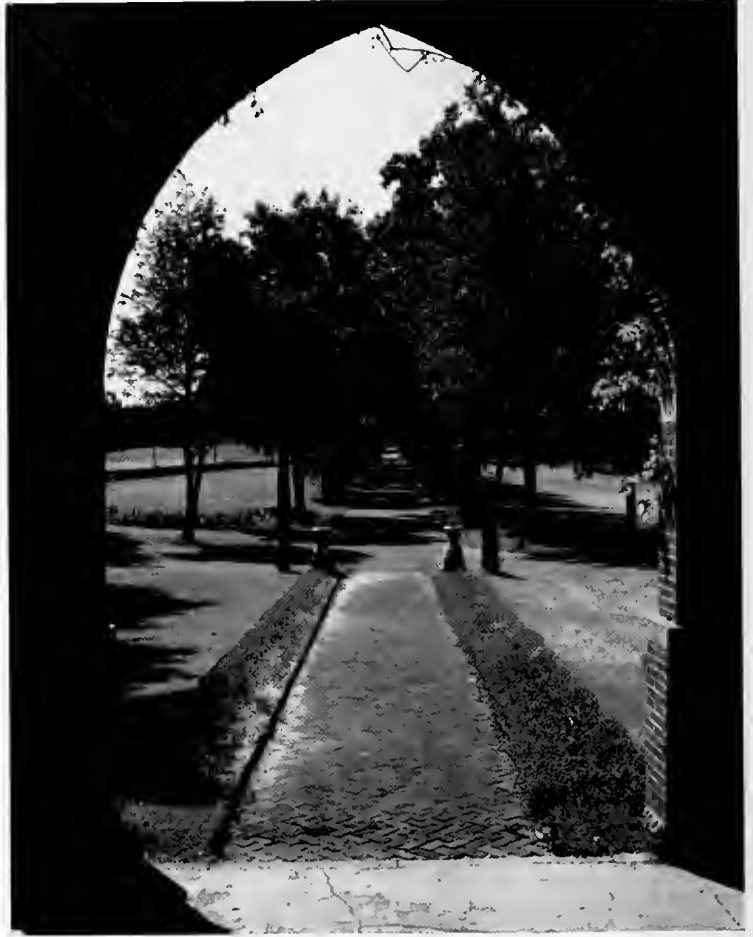


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TO MONASTERY ENTRANCE



DOWN THE AVENUE



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THE GROTTO

SCENE II

Faculty



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The Classes



SCENE I

Collegians



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Sophomores



KELLEY

RAY

GASS

Officers

VERNON B. KELLEY, *President*

NAZARETH, N. C.

"Kel"

The most active lad in the school. "Kel" has won his way into the heart of everyone. They tell us that masculine hearts are not his only victims. Look out, Georgetown! Vernon Bradley will be up that way next year to prepare for foreign service.

MAHANY RAY, *Vice-President*

SAVANNAH, GA.

"Poser"

Now we know just what is meant by a southern gentleman. Mahany, too, has had his finger in many a pie around the Abbey these past two years. Someone else will have to decide whether he shone best in athletics or in social and cultural activities. At any rate, the School of Business Administration at Catholic University is in for a valuable addition.

KENNETH GASS, *Treasurer*

CHARLOTTE, N. C.

"Ken"

"A good guy," is what his fellow students have decided about Ken. Conscientious in all his studies he just can't hide his preference for Chemistry. Thus, it looks as though N. C. State will have at least one representative of the Abbey trying to solve the mysteries of Chemical Engineering.

HOWARD P. ALLEN

GASTONIA, N. C.

"H. P."

Rather reserved, Howard doesn't always give evidence of the jollity and wit that lurk behind those glasses. SPIRE will lose a fine Editor when he treks to Chapel Hill next year.



GILMER CLOER

STATESVILLE, N. C.

"Glimmer"

Gilmer's taciturnity and studiousness give him a glow of dependability. That's probably why he shall go down in the annals as '38's official bus driver. A B.S. in Business from Davidson is his goal.

JULIAN B. COUTURIER

CHARLESTON, S. C.

"Chipper"

Just a little "feller," but many an Abbey opponent in athletics must picture him as a giant. A ready wit and care-free manner have helped him take Abbey by storm. Santa Clara and Engineering are his plans for the future.



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JAMES CRUMP
NORFOLK, VA.

"Buddy"

The fact that Jimmy was the first president in Piedmont Club history to serve two terms speaks for itself—and for Buddy's qualities of leadership. Here's another one for State and Engineering.

JOHN CURTIN
ROCHESTER, N. Y.

"Phantom"

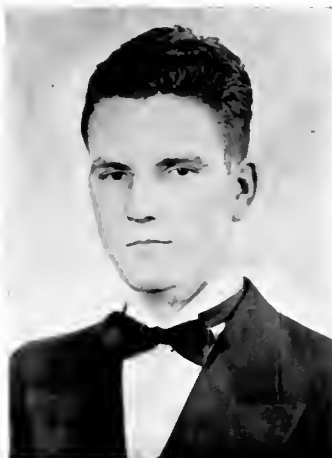
It didn't take John long after his late arrival to establish a niche for himself in Abbey activities. Kelley claims him for a protege—but we wonder about that! Pre-Med at Georgetown should prove an outlet for the energy that our tennis courts failed to lessen.



PRICE FERGUSON
BELMONT, N. C.

"Fergie"

Fergie is what we're proud to have known as an "Abbey Man." Studious, fun-loving and athletic, he is a credit to Belmont and to the Abbey. September will find him at Wake Forest studying Physical Education.



JAMES FINN
FRAMINGHAM, MASS.

"Mickey"

We thought Mickey was a great football player until we saw him act. Then, we were convinced that he had missed his calling for the first few months of school. He's undecided about next year. Anybody need a good center?



EDWARD HUDACEK
WHEELING, W. VA.

"Butch"

It's going to be funny not to see Butch twinkletoe-ing his way to pay dirt on the grid and tossing buckets from "way out" on the hardwood. And Abbey will miss that omnipresent grin, too. Plans for the next few years unsettled.



DAVID KEEFE
VICTOR, N. Y.

"Charlie"

Better hope for another go-getter like Dave. If it weren't for his glib tongue this SPIRE might never have seen the light of day. Here's hoping that some day he will be as convincing in the class room as he has been in selling advertising. Next stop, Catholic U.



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WILLIAM LATIMER

BELMONT, N. C.

"Bill"

Believe it or not! We have another dashing Lothario who has found time for his text books. Abbey ships him to State where he intends to take Engineering.

DAVID LAWRENCE

NEW BERN, N. C.

"Spencer"

Another Dave and another advertising man for SPIRE. Even the neighboring business men liked him—while tossing him out of their offices. Another vote goes to Georgetown and Civil Engineering.



JOHN B. LIPPARD

BELMONT, N. C.

"Wild Cat"

"J. B." is one of the many Belmont boys attending Abbey and has shown great interest in campus activities. He intends to take his diploma on tour, looking for a job—pardon me!—position.

PAUL MATTERN
LARCHMONT, N. Y.

"Nosey"

No wonder the Tuck Shop was a gold mine this year. Paul combined with two other "cut-throats" to swing many a wicked bargain. The address for the next few years will be Mt. St. Mary's Seminary, where Paul will continue his studies for the Priesthood.



JOHN MARTINEZ
AGANA, GUAM

"Pop"

If John could just forget that Guam is the "pearl of the Pacific" he'd be a grand guy. Rather mischievous, always smiling, he's good company.



SHUFORD MICHAEL
MT. HOLLY, N. C.

"G Man"

Can it be that Shuford's work with the F. B. I. has put him on a pedestal among his fellow-students? Whatever the cause, he's high up in the rank of popularity. A course at King's Business College will occupy his time next year.



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JACK MOORE
STANLEY, N. C.

"Little More"

Jack's sideburns have been the envy of half the school. His intelligence practically assures him of success at N. C. State where he intends to study Mechanical Engineering.

RUSH RANKIN
BELMONT, N. C.

"Rush"

According to popular opinion, Rush is as pleasant a fellow as you would want to meet. When it comes to Piedmont affairs he's ready, willing and able to lend a hand. Pre-Med at the University of North Carolina is his dream of a perfect '39.



ALFRED RHYNE
STANLEY, N. C.

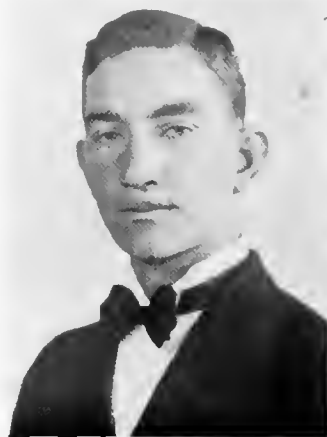
"High Note"

Al is outstanding for his friendly smile, genuine sincerity, a determination to succeed and an absolutely inimitable tone of voice. State's School of Mechanical Engineering will provide material for his mechanical genius.

BEN RHYNE
LOWELL, N. C.

"Big Ben"

There's no such thing as a half-way job with Ben. He strives only for the best and is satisfied with nothing less than perfection. His cordial, amiable manner should help him enter business after graduation.



FAISON SPEARS
HIGH POINT, N. C.

"Roustabout"

Make way for the Sage of the Sophomore Class. Faison is a good man to have around when you want something done—and done correctly. His record at Abbey augurs well for his life at Mt. St. Mary's Seminary and for his later services in the Priesthood.



WOODROW WILSON
NAZARETH, N. C.

"Woody"

Woody's activities on the gridiron and diamond will go down in the memory of Abbey followers. He should prove a valuable member of Catholic U's athletic teams as well as a "real fellow" on the campus.

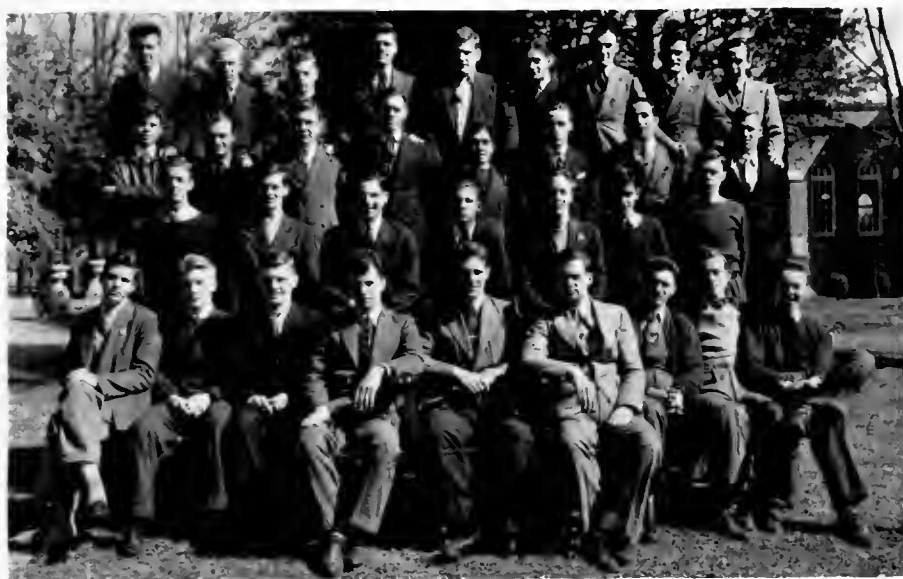


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Freshman Group



D. MOORE
L. MCKENZIE

President
Secretary and Treasurer

The Freshman Class of 1938 tripped onto the scene early in September, filled with spirit, good resolutions and a certain amount of skepticism. The class had gathered from places far and near to enter college life. Work started and the new contingent was under way, organized under the leadership of representative class officers. At Christmas the September skepticism had been replaced by a jubilant attitude which had been inspired by a string of football victories. However, that time found us still with many illusions concerning the administrative mechanism of the college. The resolutions were on their last legs for most of the class as far as studies were concerned. Exam Week removed all the illusions and renewed resolutions which, we hope, have remained with us throughout the year.

The Freshman Class has maintained a fine representation in the various extra-curricular activities. The members have nearly all passed through the pains of the Campus Club, the fantasies of the Piedmont Initiation, the humiliations of the "Rat Cap Period," and the other special treatment reserved for frosh at Belmont Abbey College. The members have had the pleasure of attending their own Hop at the Belmont Community House, of seeing their names in Contact, of being the hosts at the Freshman-Sophomore Banquet, of taking part in intramural athletics, of having many players on the varsity teams, and of enjoying the good fellowship that makes the class of '38 one of the most outstanding freshman classes in the history of the Abbey.

Activities, associations with the Fathers, the spirit of our professors in our various courses of study, have welded the Freshman Class into a body fully capable to take on the dignity and responsibility proper to upper-classmen, and to uphold the traditions, besides further the standards, of Belmont Abbey College.

SCENE II

Preppers

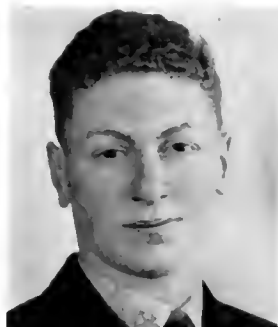


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Seniors



SALM



MUNNERLYN



HICE

Officers

JOSEPH G. SALM

CAIRO, EGYPT

"Joe"

In his three years at the Abbey Joe has managed to become outstanding in classes and activities. Rambler's Basketball, President of the Senior Class and Secretary of the Ramblers. Next year: back to Abbey.

JOSEPH F. MUNNERLYN

COLUMBIA, S. C.

"Joe"

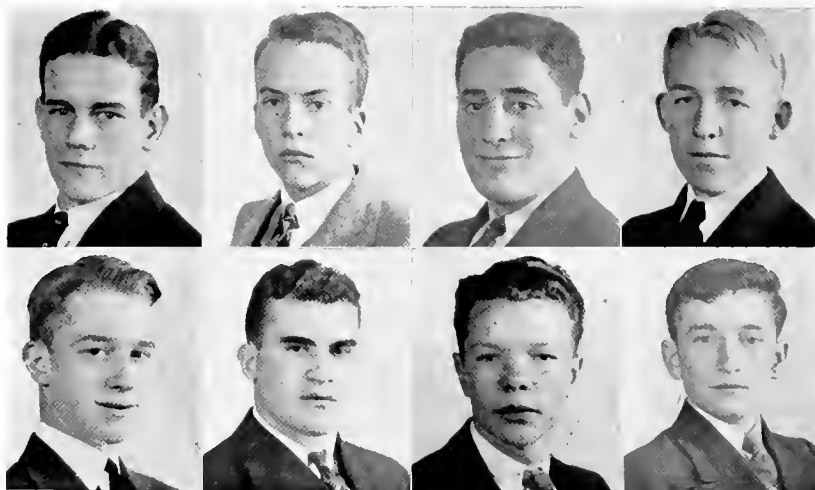
Entering Abbey as a Junior, Joe wasted no time in "taking over" leadership in Prep activities. Rambler's Basketball, President of Ramblers. Vice-President of the Senior Class. This will be another enrollment for Belmont Abbey College next year.

JOHN D. HICE

CHARLOTTE, N. C.

"J. D."

The Prep's representative-at-large in social circles. Has an air of quietness, but don't be fooled by appearances. Plenty of life when circumstances call for it. Ramblers Club, Secretary and Treasurer of Senior Class. Still another for Abbey's Freshman class next year.



BURKE
SLOAN

BAYARD
VISNIC

CUFFARO
VLASERVICH

PYE
WADDELL

NICHOLAS R. BAYARD
COLUMBIA, S. C.

"Ralph"

Quiet and likeable, but loud in defense of his native State. Ramblers. Next year: Abbey.

ANTHONY A. BURKE, JR.
NORFOLK, VA.

"Tonie"

A first-year man who has made good in a big way. Football, Boxing, Track. Next year: Abbey.

JOSEPH C. CUFFARO
ELM GROVE, W. VA.

"Joltin' Joe"

An outstanding athlete and a campus luminary. Football, Basketball and Track. Next year: ????

JOHN PYE
AUGUSTA, GA.

"Johnny"

An artist without the temperament. Ramblers Abbey again next year.

CHARLES H. SLOAN, JR.
BELMONT, N. C.

"Charlie"

Big-hearted and friendly towards all. Important cog in Ramblers, Day-Student Club, Rambler's Basketball. Will return to Abbey with the Fall.

L. CHARLES VISNIC
DILLE'S BOTTOM, OHIO

"Bull"

Torch-carrier for the Prep in varsity athletics. Football, Basketball (Manager), Baseball. Uncertain about next year.

EDWARD VLASERVICH
GASTONIA, N. C.

"Eddie"

Well known and liked representative of "The Spun-Yarn Center of the South." Day Student Club. Next year will be another at Abbey.

ROBERT G. WADDELL
NEW YORK, N. Y.

"Pee Wee"

A popular and active Prepster from "way back." Prep Players, Ramblers, Rambler's Basketball. Abbey again next year.





A Preparatory Group



The Prepsters did much during the past year to enliven Abbey life. Refusing to take a back seat for the Collegians, they made places for themselves in every branch of activity and definitely established the Prep School as a necessary element in the make-up of Belmont Abbey.

Thirteen States, Cuba and Egypt have favorite sons represented among the Prep student body, and the diversity of personalities engendered by such variety of origin has had much to do with the versatility of the Prep Department.

Although emphasis was placed upon Rambler activities, the Prep managed to land two lettermen on the Varsity Football and Basketball teams, three men on the Track squad and one on the Baseball team.

In social life and dramatics, too, the Prep boys gave the Collegians a stiff battle for honors. The Rambler Dance, several plays under the auspices of the Beta Alpha Theta, the new Prep Dramatic Society, and an outstanding basketball team form the bulk of their achievements.

Such activity and worth-while accomplishment give notice that here are the future leaders of campus life at Belmont Abbey College.

ACT III

Activities



SCENE I

Publications



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Spire Staff



*Seated: BIRKNER, KELLEY, TIMBERLAKE, KEEFE, ALLEN, LAWRENCE, CURTIN, MATTERN, VON DREHLE;
Standing: PYE, MUNNERLYN, SALM, HICE, HELMICH.*

The book whose pages you are now perusing was assembled by a staff made up of twelve of the most capable representatives of the Junior and Senior classes of the college department and from the senior division of the prep. Ambitious to make this, the 1938 SPIRE, the finest in the history of the publication, the staff members spared no effort in their realization of their desire.

Howard P. Allen, day-student from Gastonia, was the editor and his associates in this capacity were Vernon B. Kelley and Joseph W. Timberlake. These three gave much time and thought to their work and now retire with the assurance that their zeal was to some purpose.

The business of the staff was conducted through and managed by David Lawrence, assisted by Vernon von Drehle. That they, too, met with distinct success can be gathered by an examination of the section devoted to advertisers. Lawrence and von Drehle were assisted by a willing corps of freshmen.

David Keefe, John Helmich, J. D. Hice, and John Curtin subjected the ideas of the editorial staff to typewriters and the result was the copy which appears on these pages. Paul Mattern was the Art Director, assisted by Joseph Rankin, John Birkner, and John Pye. The Prep Department's interests were supervised by Joseph Salm and Joseph Munnerlyn.

All the staff members found the work most interesting and turn over to their successors a job which guarantees the workers the most pleasant kind of memory of student activity at Belmont Abbey College.

Contact



*Seated: BRADSHAW, PATTERSON, KEEFE, TIMBERLAKE, KELLEY, HOY, MATTERN, VON DREHLE, KABAS;
Standing: HUDACEK, RAY, FERGUSON, SPEARS, SARGEANT.*

The past year witnessed a "coming of age" metamorphosis for the school paper CONTACT. Enlarged to eight pages, printed on machine-finished paper, and using numerous cuts every issue, the 1937-'38 issues of CONTACT are a credit to the capable Editor, Vernon Kelley.

A format style has been developed and various forms of treatment for subject matter were tested by the staff. The year was for this publication (as for others at the Abbey) one of experimentation, of trial and error lessons, and of application of the knowledge thus gained to each succeeding issue.

A fair and unbiased survey of this year's CONTACT will show that it achieved much progress and even in its deficiencies it has pointed the way to a better and more complete paper. This year the paper has become more than ever a student activity. The editorial room, housed with the Abbey Press Bureau, saw much scribbling, typing, blue pencilling and pasting up of "dummies." Deadlines were met and the staff was afforded a short breathing spell between issues. There was much enjoyment and illumination for Abbey's fledgling members of the Fourth Estate. And the newly-elected staff is already planning greater strides for the CONTACT of the future.



Abbey Press Bureau

The Abbey Press Bureau was founded in the beginning of the 1937-'38 school term. It was the outgrowth of an idea conceived in the previous year by Fr. Daniel, who, directing the activities of the organization until February, organized those men interested in journalism into an active and useful body. The object of the Bureau was to furnish an additional outlet for the journalistic ambitions of members of the student publications, and to assist the college by serving as an exchange for news articles, publicity, and information. Since the Bureau was to be a clearing-house for news released to papers throughout the Southland, some idea of newspaper technique and method was necessary for proper coöperation with the press. Those students who worked in the organization were taught the essentials of newswriting, handling and transmission of news, and general news methods.

The work of the Bureau fell under three heads. The first of these was the spreading of news concerning Abbey athletic teams. Broadcasting in print the exploits of the high-riding Crusaders called for much work, and Abbey's outstanding football team made the first quarter of the school year a busy one for the members of the Press Bureau. A brief respite at Christmas was followed by more hard work in recounting the accomplishments of the famous Crusader cagesters who copped the championship of the junior college loop.

The second phase of the Bureau's work was the publication and sponsorship of CONTACT. While an effort was made to make a distinction between the work of the staff members of the Bureau and the staff members of the CONTACT, nevertheless, since both staffs were made up of the same personnel under the same director, the distinction was one only of the mind.

The third field in which the Press Bureau functioned was in the publicizing of college activities which concerned faculty members, students, visiting personalities, and the general life surrounding the members of the Community of Belmont Abbey.

Performing its work with an eye to ultimate perfection, the Bureau issued stories and picture-mats which won favorable commendations from many of the South's leading newspapers. Set up in spacious quarters, equipped with the latest in typewriters, desks, lighting, and filing cabinets, the Bureau will go down as one of the major achievements for the college year now ending.

A beginning has been made in this valuable field, and a very creditable beginning. To spread the fame of Abbey will be the aim of those students who succeed to the positions of the Press Bureau. The efficiency of next year's staff will be increased greatly by the year of experience with its lessons of trial and error, and the fresh enthusiasm of the influx of new members.

SCENE II

Dramatics



BELMONT ABBEY COLLEGE



Abbey Players



Seated: YORK, RAY, CONNERS, KELLEY; Standing: VON DREHLE, COUTURIER, PATTERSON, LAWRENCE, HILL, HOY, MATTERN.

This year marked the revival of dramatics at Belmont Abbey under the capable direction of Mr. David Gorney. The return of the thespians was met with approval from all sides, and their efforts resulted in some of the most entertaining presentations in the history of Abbey dramatics.

Early in the year SUNDAY EVENING AT EIGHT was produced. This was a trio of plays presented under one title, the purpose of which was to give Mr. Gorney an insight into the available talent. The re-creation was a success and paved the way for the year's "big" play, THE LAST WARNING.

Congratulations are in order for the Players and for Mr. Gorney. THE LAST WARNING was received with acclaim. Special mention is due Mahany Ray, Vernon Kelley, David Lawrence, Frank York, Faison Spears, Nelson Bradshaw and Emmart Hoy—and to the four Belmont girls who were so gracious as to lend their talented efforts to make the production a success. Misses Margaret Maynard, Ruth Lineberger, Elmena Latimer and Virginia Wilson handled the female roles with professional skill.

The revival of interest in dramatics is one of the most welcome features of this scholastic year, and Mr. Gorney and his Players deserve commendation for the high quality they managed to put into their work in such a short period.

Prep Players



Seated: N. WADDELL, G. WADDELL, WELDON, HAVERTY; *Standing:* GALLAGHER, SARGEANT, VAN SANT, BRAUM, KEMP.

Electing to offset the advantages gained by the collegians in recent years by an effort to concentrate dramatic activities in the college department, the prepsters, under the direction of David J. Gorney, organized the Beta Alpha Theta Dramatic Society and presented three productions for students of Belmont Abbey and Sacred Heart colleges, as well as for the general public. That they were successful in their decision can be seen with a inquiry into the intense interest manifested in the department, and from a review of the plaudits received for their work.

"Crooks for a Month," a comedy in three acts, was one of the hit productions. This play unfolded the talents of many of the prepsters and revealed the fact that the Beta Alpha Theta group would be able to offer stiff competition to the college players. "The Ramblers' Revue," a kind of hodge-podge of specialty acts and three one-act plays, gave all the members an opportunity to parade their abilities. The final play, "The Phantom," which, incidentally, had a long Broadway run, was the final presentation of the year.

Outstanding for their dramatic achievements were William Van Sant, who played character roles; Joseph Haverty, who was either a comedian or a stern-faced detective, thus indicating his diversity of ability; and James Devenny, who did many clever female impersonations. William Braum, Gale and Norman Waddell, George Kemp, Robert Gallagher, and Charlton Howard played roles that won many commendations. The stage crew, headed by Ben Sargeant, Homer Marlowe, Louis Balthis, and Jack Weston, designed many attractive sets and staged their productions in a manner that would compliment the best companies of the legitimate theater.



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The Last Warning



MISS MARGARET MAYNARD
Belmont, N. C.

MISS ELMENA LATIMER
Belmont, N. C.

MISS RUTH LINEBERGER
Belmont, N. C.

MISS VIRGINIA WILSON
Belmont, N. C.



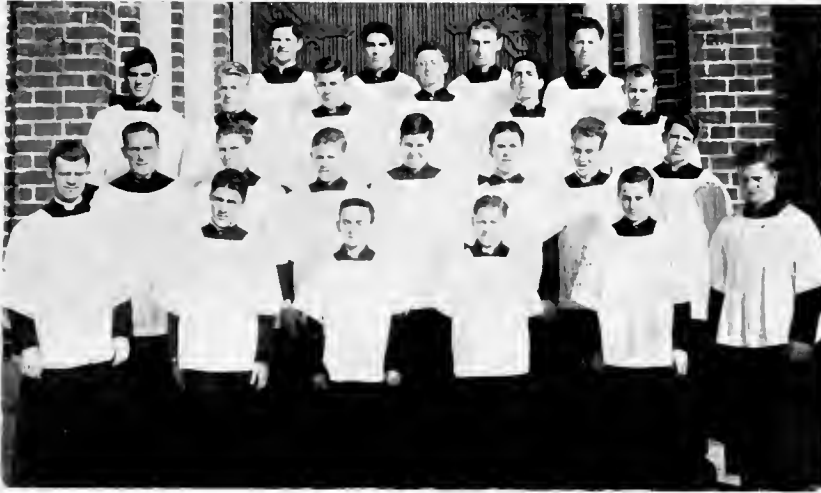
SCENE III

Organizations



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Front Row, Left to Right: Fr. ANSELM, O.S.B., Moderator; KEMP, WADDELL, GALLAGHER, HAVERTY, KARAS; Second Row: HELMUTH, VAN SANT, BRAUM, DEVENNY, WESTON, BAYARD, SARGEANT; Third Row: HILL, VON DREHLE, PATTERSON, SALM, KOURY, YORK; Back Row: CONNERS, JOSEPHS, MATTERN, SPEARS.

Altar Boys' Society

Fulfilling their assignments with the decorum and devotion fitting for those who serve in the sanctuary of Almighty God, the members of the Altar Boys Society, a perennial institution at Belmont Abbey, maintained and upheld the college traditions which have come down through the history of the place.

Called together by Fr. Martin Hayes, O.S.B., who was to serve as the Director of the Society until he was transferred to the college in February, the members were introduced to the rubrics which are an important factor in the liturgy of the church. Fr. Martin made wonderful progress with the students and inspired them to love to be "on the altar," in a word, to love the service of God. Fr. Anselm Biggs, O.S.B. took over the directorship which Fr. Martin reluctantly relinquished, and also did excellent work to further the ideals of the Society.

A distinct feature of the students participation in the services which are carried out so majestically in Belmont Abbey Cathedral lies in the fact that the older boys, as well as the younger, realize the privilege and vie for the honor of serving on the altar.

The members served all the Sundays, the greater festivals, and all the holy-days throughout the school year. Not all of their opportunities to be ministers came from the Cathedral's functions; the members also helped carry out the Masses, Benedictions and special services reserved to the Student Chapel.

Fr. Anselm, acting as host for the Community of Belmont Abbey, and the Reverend Pastor of the Cathedral, Father Eugene Egan, O.S.B., rewarded the boys with a banquet on May 19th. The celebration was held in the college dining room and was featured with an address by the Prior of the Abbey, the Very Rev. Nicholas Bliley, O.S.B., V.G.



The Piedmont Club

JAMES CRUMP
WOODROW WILSON
FAISON SPEARS
VERNON KELLEY

President
Vice-President
Secretary
Treasurer



The present, now ending, college session found the Piedmont Club, closing its twelfth year of existence, with thirty-eight members. The Grand Initiation was bigger and better than ever; a complete ritual was adopted and a standardized method of hazing that received the full sanction of the administration.

In carrying out its social program the Club sponsored and financed two major and two minor dances. A Hallowe'en Masquerade began the round of dancing activities. This was followed by the Senior Prom, held in Belmont Abbey Gym, where Frankie Reynolds and his Band furnished the music. The Club worked through the Abbey Press Bureau in dispatching photo-mats of the sponsors and their escorts to all the leading newspapers in the two Carolinas, Virginia and Georgia. A Skating Lark, held on the College Avenue in the light of a full moon, gave the proper touch of romance and fun for St. Valentine's Day. Near the end of spring another dance-party was given that not only did much to replenish the coffers of the club treasury, but also gave much fun and happiness for those who were privileged to be present. The Commencement Finals, according to custom, were carried out with ceremony, pomp, and finish. Hod Williams and his orchestra, of national renown, filled the confines of Belmont Abbey Gym with soothing and appealing strains.

The Annual Piedmont Banquet, the Smoker, and various tournaments carried on within the club, rounded out the year. President James Crump, the only collegian ever elected to the highest post in the Piedmont governing body for two terms, filled his office with the capability proper to the reception of such a single honor. And thus the doings of the year 1938, a very successful year, has gone into the minutes of the Piedmont Club.

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The Pser Club

Once again, after a most successful program, the Pser Club brings its schedule to a close. As was explained in the last issue of the SPIRE, the Club's name is derived from the words: Political, Social, Economic and Religious—factors which are the central points in the organization's discussions.

The most interesting meeting of the year was held in the College Library on January 9, at which time topics pertaining to the Anti-Lynching Bill, Sino-Japanese War, Civil War in Spain and current international and national governmental affairs were considered and discussed.

Though of comparatively recent origin, the Pser Club has taken a definite place in the list of student organizations, and it has done much for the cultural advantages of its members. Vernon B. Kelley, who graduates with the class now leaving, is one of the men who is listed among the founders, and his spirit and ambition have been the guiding influences of what has been acknowledged by the administration of the college as a highly successful and competent association.



Seated: MATTERN, HILL, CONNERS, HUDACEK, CLOER, KELLEY, KEEFE, RAY, VON DREHLE, CURTIN;
Standing: COUTURIER, SPEARS, YORK, PATTERSON.



Front Row: TITMAN, WILSON, RAY, KELLEY, CONNERS; *Back Row:* KEEFE, VON DREHLF, HILL, MATTERN, PATTERSON, HOY, YORK.

The Glee Club

Under the skillful direction of Mr. Jack Heuron, of Gastonia, the Abbey Glee Club carried on an extensive program during the year.

Following many hours of practice, the group opened its season with a beautiful rendition of the *Missa Rosa Mystica*, by Vito Carnevali, at which time it collaborated with the Glee Club of Sacred Heart College. The occasion was the Solemn Pontifical Mass, sung by the Most Rev. Eugene J. McGuinness, Bishop of Raleigh, on March 21, the Feast of the Solemnity of St. Benedict. Accompanying at the organ was the Rev. Francis Underwood, who, in previous years, served as choir director at the Abbey.

Many new members have given their services to the Club. As SPIRE goes to press the club members are working on their program which will be given on several occasions, chief of which will be the Commencement Week Musicale, scheduled for the evening of June 8.

As the majority of the members are freshmen, Mr. Heuron has hopes of developing the singing unit into an organization which will carry the fame of the Abbey throughout the neighboring states.

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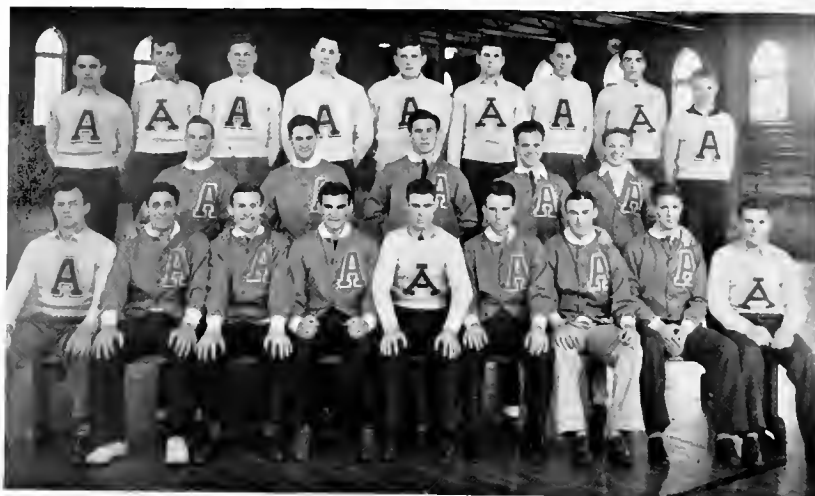


Off-Campus Students

The Day Students Club, a new organization at Belmont Abbey College now finishes the first year of its existence. Organized by the Rev. Rembert Codd, O.S.B., the club was designed to fill the gap that seemed to lie between the student-life of those who lived off the campus and those who board at the Abbey. That the design was effective is evident from the success achieved in having the day students become an integral part in the student-life of the college, with a full knowledge of its traditions, projects, and accomplishments. The officers during the first year were: Kenneth Gass, of Charlotte, President; Dan Moore, of Gastonia, Vice-President; Rush Rankin, of Belmont, Secretary and Treasurer; and, Howard Allen, of Gastonia, Representative to the Student Council.

With a year of experience behind them, the members should be able to branch out next semester and take on a round of activities worthy of any organization at Belmont Abbey College. If the new crop of freshmen can be fired with the enthusiasm which has been enkindled in the day students now enrolled, the club is certain to cement more firmly the strong bond of friendship which exists between the day students and the boarders, to help equalize the points of interest in college life, and to make a unified, coöperative student body.





*First Row: M. GASS, CUFFARO, ROMANSKI, VISNIC, WILSON, FERGUSON, BRADLEY, D. MOORE, CLOER;
Second Row: PAWLOSKI, MODRA, RAY, COUTURIER, HUDACEK; Third Row: CRUMP, K. GASS, KELLEY, FINN,
NEMEC, RENDELL, LAWRENCE, JOSEPHS, KABAS.*

Monogram Club

Although not functioning as actively as in past years because of the decision to forego the staging of the Gaston County High School Tournament at the Abbey, the Monogram Club served its end by keeping those students who wore the coveted "A" bonded in a central body. The organization saw an influx of new members, since so many freshmen won monograms during the grid and cage campaigns.

Organized in 1930 by Director of Athletics, Howard A. Wheeler, the Monogram Club has been most useful to the workings of the athletic department. The members have staged six high school basketball tournaments, thus doing much to cement the ties of friendship proper to the relationship of the Abbey with the students and their parents in the surrounding towns.

Woodrow Wilson, captain of the football squad for two seasons, served as president of the monogram-wearers during the past year. Mahany Ray, captain of Abbey's champion basketball team, held the vice-presidency, Vernon Kelley, of football and boxing fame, was secretary. Julian Couturier, Charleston's contribution to Belmont's football and basketball teams, was the historian, while David Lawrence, the manager of the gridsters, served as sergeant-at-arms for the second consecutive year.

The Monogram Club was honored with a banquet given by the college administration, in appreciation for all the services rendered it by the members. At this time a consultative vote was taken to indicate the club's choice for the reception of the coveted Bishop Haid Memorial Trophy, which annually goes to the best all-round athlete.





The Ramblers

JOSEPH F. MUNNERLYN

President

JOSÉ FERNANDEZ DE CASTRO

Vice-President

JOSEPH G. SALM

Secretary

BENJAMIN J. SARGEANT

Treasurer

The Ramblers form the social and athletic stimulus to Prep activities. Founded to provide an outlet for the younger boys similar to that provided by the Piedmont Club for the collegians, the Rambler organization has grown into a potent force in Abbey life.

The club struck out into a new field of endeavor this year by renewing high school interest in dramatics. It was from this impetus that the Beta Alpha Theta came into being.

Athletically, the Ramblers were again represented by a strong basketball team. Socially, the year was more than a success with its billiard, bridge, and other tournaments, an increase in the spirit of camaraderie and fellowship between fellow students. The season was climaxed by the annual spring dance.

The Rambler Club fills a need at Belmont Abbey. It provides activities for those boys not eligible for college affairs and endeavors to give the younger lads some idea of what is expected of them as Abbey Men, it tries to give them *savoir faire*.



ACT IV

Athletics



SCENE I

Football



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THE COACHES



HOWARD WHEELER



REYMAN BONAR



THE SQUAD

The Crusaders

Like an engine motivated by a dynamo driven by eternal fire, Belmont Abbey College's Crusaders blew hot for eight straight games and marched off with a percentage indicative of the best aggregation in southern junior college circles: eight wins and no defeats. Denied the right to unfurl the flag which broadcasts to the world superiority in the conference of which their college is a member, the Crusaders were content to let their record speak for itself. Because of a misunderstanding that had arisen among the various members, directors of the junior college loop elected to withhold the official announcement of a champion.

Starting their trail of glory with a decisive 24-7 win over the Wolflets of North Carolina State College, the Wheelermen dug in their cleats and marched through a campaign that showed only one let-up—the afternoon a stubborn band of Boiling Springs gridmen tied the Crusaders. The State skirmish served notice to the football world that the Abbey was powerful on ground and in air.

Lees-McRae followed in the wake of the Techlets and had to be content with a 26-0 defeat. That was the day Butch Hudacek and Stan Romanoski decided to incorporate the relationship soon known as the "Touchdown Twins, Inc." Bert Rendell and Ed Bradley also came in for some of the pass-snagging, and Walt Pawloski, along with Joe Cuffaro, helped Hudacek with the rifling. Captain Woodrow Wilson drop-kicked for the two extra points.

Deciding to drop for the moment their much-publicized air raiding, the Wheelbonarmen met the representatives of Eastern Carolina Teachers' College in Greenville and copped a 19-7 win by sticking to terra firma. Walt Pawloski thrilled customers with a daunting fifty-five yard dash to the promised land, and J. B. Couturier, Abbey's scintillating field general, managed to grab a tally with a quarterback sneak. Charley Hamm, who later was to leave school, was the real spearhead of the Crusader attack. Mahany Ray was outstanding in line play.

Brevard was the next foe vanquished and, in a game that had every Crusader riding with cracking spurs, the Ransomen were sent home with a 52-0 defeat. Butch Hudacek, Pawloski, Rendell and Dan Moore had a scoring contest. The winner was never named. The tiff marked the beginning of the policy of playing the home games in Belmont's beautiful Municipal Stadium and a record crowd witnessed the battle.

Opening all valves with the signal for full steam ahead, the Crusaders turned on the heat down in Savannah and routed the Geeches of Armstrong College with a 35-14 shellacking.





Playing on a frozen field, Savannah's Chamber of Commerce to the contrary notwithstanding, the Wheelbonarmen rose to the heights and turned in one of their best performances of the season. Rendell scored twice, Hudacek scored twice, and Dan Moore managed a touchdown truck via the aerial route. Hudacek made the most thrilling run of the day with a sixty-one yard jaunt, running through the entire Armstrong team. Joe Cuffaro, Charley Visnic, Jim Nemec did sterling work in the line, and Mahany Ray turned in a creditable performance for his homefolk.

And it is the same story all the way through. The Crusaders knocked over all opponents like so many ducks in a row and, throughout the campaign, we see only the one thing: drive. Yet, behind it all, there was spirit, a will to win, an attitude of unselfishness, the morale of a fighting football machine.

Although followers of the locals who read the papers will think that the Crusaders' success was due to the wizardry of this or that back or the defensive ability of some lineman, those who know the real story will tell you that there were few individual stars. It was a *team* that achieved such an outstanding record, a team made up of, not eleven starters but the whole band of performers; not only the players but made up of the faculty and the students. To those who think that Belmont had a rolling thunderbolt we only say: Perhaps. What we like to think is that we had a team that liked to win but, more than that, loved to play. One cannot say that it was a team which hated to lose; we never had a chance to know.

And a word about the coaches. We refer to Mr. Howard A. Wheeler, Abbey's Director of Athletics and Head Coach of Football, and Mr. Reyman Bonar, the backfield coach. Much has been written about Damon and Pythias, Carton and Darnay, and all those characters of history and fiction who portray the ideal in mutual understanding and devotion. We add the names of Wheeler and Bonar, emblematic of the finest in coaching—not only football, but character. It was the guiding hand of the coaches that led the Crusaders through such a glorious season; it was the ethics of the coaches that fashioned the ideals of fair play which made our boys famous; it was the enthusiasm of the coaches that enkindled the fire so characteristic of this year's aggregation. To the coaches we say, *ad multos annos!*

Let the football players themselves have the last word here. They would like to give a message to the members of the faculty and to the students. They would like to tell of their appreciation, that they could have done little without such sterling support. Indeed, if they could speak out right here they would say to one and all, "Thanks a million!"

SCENE II

Basketball



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Basketball State Champions



Seated: HUDACEK, CUFFARO, ROMANOSKI, RAY (Capt.), D. MOORE, COUTURIER, PAWLOSKI; Standing: MODRA, JOSEPHS, FERGUSON, FINN, W. MOORE, VISNIC (Mgr.).

DAN MOORE
Forward

JOE CUFFARO
Center

J. B. COUTURIER
Forward

PRICE FERGUSON
Center

WALT PAWLOSKI
Forward





MAHANY RAY
Guard

"BUTCH" HUDACEK
Guard

BILL MOORE
Guard

FRANK MODRA
Guard

STAN ROMANOSKI
Forward

BASKETBALL AT BELMONT is the sport that reduces rooters to a state of ecstatic frenzy—the Crusaders are *that* exciting. The history of past basketball tournaments for conference championships shows the Wheelermen playing in all the finals but only once emerging the victors. The past season struck a new note, however, for the Abbey cagers dropped only three tifts during a schedule that called for twenty-six games and went on to cop junior college laurels in the tournament played at Davidson.

Taking up their work where their football-playing cohorts had left off, the Crusaders breezed through games with a brisk precision that, sometimes, made one wonder if they could lose. Only one tift was dropped in junior college competition and that one was outside the boundaries of the conference of which the Abbey is a member. The locals went down to Georgia's city-by-the-sea and lost a single game to Armstrong.

Captain Mahany Ray did a noble job in directing the work of the hoopsters. Elected to serve as Co-Captain with Jimmy Crump and forced to take over the full captaincy when our college administrators decided Crump was ineligible for basketball, Ray managed to keep the tenor of the Crusaders in a high key throughout the season.

J. B. Couturier and Edward "Butch" Hudacek led the scorers, followed closely by Dan Moore and Walt Pawloski. Hudacek, teaming at the guard positions with Ray, was reputed the outstanding player in the junior college conference, an honor which he also won in football.

Allowed to forego his customary procedure of building a team around two or three stars because of the presence of so much cage talent, Coach Howard A. Wheeler was able to use every man on his squad to advantage. Joe Cuffaro and Ed Bradley did some of the most spirited ball-hawking seen on North Carolina courts in many a moon; Stan Romanoski, Frank Modra, and Price Ferguson did their share of the work, Romanoski with his passing, Modra with his aggressiveness, Ferguson with his performances under the basket.

The most interesting and exciting skirmish of the cage season was seen when the Crusaders, meeting the powerful Groves-Thread Independents of Gastonia, eked out a 36-35 win in an extra period. The score was so fast in the last period that the lead changed hands five times.

The State Tournament at Davidson found the Abbeymen breezing right through their three games, taking over Presbyterian Jr. College, Lees-McRae and Campbell, in the order named.

A resumé of the season shows that the Crusaders won twenty-three games out of twenty-six played, and scored 836 points to the opponents 684, or averaged 36.9 points per game while the opponents averaged 26.3. J. B. Couturier and Butch Hudacek led the scorers with 175 and 163 points respectively. Some of the teams defeated were: Cramerton, Belmont Independents, Groves-Threads, Y Purois, Threads, Inc., Campbell, Oak Ridge, Pfeiffer, Boiling Springs, Lees-McRae, Wingate, P. J. C., University of S. C. Frosh., and others.

Graduation will take only four players from Coach Wheeler's cage roster and next year's team should be as great as this. Hudacek, Ray, Ferguson and Couturier leave via the graduation route.





Ramblers' Basketball

Serving definite notice that the Ramblers' organization was indeed an integral part of the athletic department of Belmont Abbey College and Prep, the green-shirted cagers went through a highly successful season. Founded not so much to win games for the prep as to develop talent for the Crusaders, the Ramblers won eight straight games before a defeat was chalked against them. Under the guiding hand of Fr. Daniel until Jimmy Crump took over the reins in their ninth game, the preppers played preliminary tiffs to all the Crusader home games and climaxed their season with a trip to Columbia.

While Joe Salm and Joe Castro made up the big noise in the Greenies' offensive thrusts, the development of diminutive Joe Haverty and the sterling defensive work of Billy "Butch" Braum elicited much praise from Abbey followers. Joe Salm did some excellent work under the basket. The lad who calls Cairo, Egypt, his home should go a long way on the Crusader squad next year. Always spurred on by the undaunted spirit of Joe Munnerlyn and Bill Van Sant, the Ramblers gave numerous manifestations that they, too, like their big-brother varsity members, had the will to win. Gale Waddell, Charley Sloan, and Arturo Castro rounded out the squad and turned in many creditable performances.

The Ramblers reached their peak early in the season when they turned back the powerful Cramerton High squad, with a 25-23 win. The Cramertons, playing the same team which had won the Gaston Tournament at the Abbey during the previous year, were outplayed the entire game, and the yeoman's work of giant Benny Cunningham was the only thing that saved them from being routed. Joe Castro, Greenie forward, took the game for the preppers by going on a scoring spree in the second half. Castro scored eighteen of the twenty-five Rambler points.

Although Castro was to show the way in the matter of scoring, later Rambler games brought out some remarkable cage work in the persons of Butch Braum and Bill Van Sant Braum, only a rising junior in the prep department, is counted on to be a mainstay for the Crusaders in a year or two.

Basketball for the Ramblers is an activity which should win much favor for that organization. Furnishing their equipment with funds from the club treasury and sparing no expense to be as attractively garbed as the varsity, the Ramblers did a fine job in upholding the traditions which are characteristic of Abbey athletics. They deservedly share in the praise and congratulations which are accorded the Crusaders elsewhere in these pages.



VAN SANT

MUNNERLYN

SALM



HAVERTY

WADDELL

J. CASTRO



RENFROW

BRAUM

SLOAN

A. CASTRO



BELMONT ABBEY COLLEGE

**FIVE PRESENT GRIDSTERS NAME
COACH WHEELER'S ALL-TIME TEAM;
Selections Based on Players of the 1929**

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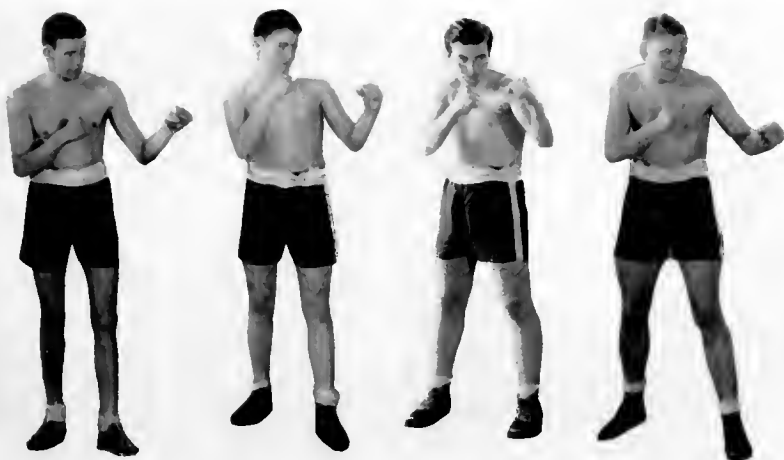
SCENE III

Minor Sports



BELMONT ABBEY COLLEGE

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BURKE

YOUNG

RANKIN

KELLEY

Golden Glovers

Although represented by a team small in numbers in the *Charlotte Observer's* CAROLINA'S GOLDEN GLOVES, Boxing Coach Tom Hanna's mittmen made lots of noise and won much favorable comment for the athletic department of Belmont Abbey College. Bringing home no championships, even though two of their representatives fought in the finals, Hanna's charges gave fine exhibitions for their first year up in such fast company. All of the Abbey fighters performed in the novice divisions.

The first day of the tournament found every Hannaman passing on to the second round. Tonie Burke, who was to prove the sensation of the mitt sessions, knocked out his welter-weight opponent fifteen seconds after the opening gong. Dick Young won a decision handily, and Vernon Kelley secured a win via the T. K. O. route. Ed Rankin drew a bye in the first round and automatically passed on to the second.

Kelley lost the second day, but the other three Abbey fighters came through with wins. Burke, taking only twenty more seconds to knock out his man than he did on the opening night, brought down the house with his savage methods. Dick Young and Ed Rankin won by decision and expert prognosticators went out on a limb and announced that the three remaining Crusader contestants would probably cop championships.

But the other fighters in the tournament could not feel that way about it because Rankin was eliminated in the third day of fighting. Burke won on another T. K. O. and Young secured a decision by a skillful exhibition of counter-punching two for one.

Entering the finals decidedly the favorite in his class, Burke, who up to now had not even thought about a defense, was forced to abandon his accustomed practices because of a "badly swollen thumb" which later proved to be a broken thumb. Undaunted by the injury, and spurred on by the thousands who had spent three days cheering his efforts, Burke stepped into a fast jab and learned what it is like to go down and stay down on the resin-covered canvas of Charlotte's Armory-Auditorium. He was, however, a hero, even in defeat.

In a bout which brought together two of the classiest performers in the middleweight division, Dick Young dropped a widely disputed decision.

Thus the Abbey Golden Glovers brought home no championships. However, their popularity was indicated by Burke's winning second honors in the popularity poll conducted after the elimination tournament. Coach Tom Hanna, his fighters, and the athletic department deserve many kind words for the showing made by the Abbey Golden Glovers.



Seated: PAWLOSKI, ROMANOSKI, CUFFARO, WILSON, BURKE; Standing: STANTON, DE CASTRO, GRAY, YORK.

Track

Fulfilling what heretofore has been only a perennial desire in the hearts of Abbeymen, the college authorities sanctioned intercollegiate track this year, and, in their initial start, the Crusaders copped all available honors.

While Coach Cahill worked with the lads who preferred the lure of the horsehide to the call of the track, Director of Athletics Wheeler whipped a team into shape that was not content until it had walked over with the State Championship.

Entering the A.A.U. Meet at Chapel Hill just for the experience, the Crusaders placed third among the five teams entered. With Belmont the only junior college represented in the meet, the signal was given that the Wheelermen would be contenders for the North Carolina Junior College Track Meet sponsored by Davidson College.

And they were. More than that, they won it. Scoring forty-one and one-third points, while their nearest opponents garnered only twenty-one and one-third, the Abbey speedsters won five out of the eight first places. Brevard was the team in the second position, their George Napier the high-scorer of the meet. Pfeiffer, Presbyterian and Oak Ridge followed in that order.

Walt Pawloski and Woody Wilson took third and fourth place in the 100 yard dash, and Joe Cuffaro added points by taking a second place in the 120 yard low hurdles. Not to be outdone by the other Crusaders, Stan Romanoski pulled ahead and took the 440 yard run with Butch Hudacek trailing him a close second. Frank York, Abbey's best distance man, had things easy in the mile run and loafed around to take the event in 4:53.6 minutes. His team out in front now, Tonie Burke felt like putting the meet in the bag and, consequently, won the high jump.

The Crusaders were raging with Belmont Abbey Winning Fever. In short order, Romanoski and Wilson took second and fourth places in the running broad jump, Cuffaro and Modra snatched first and second honors in the shot put. To add insult to injury, the Crusaders took the mile relay.

Although his charges worked in only two meets this past season, Coach Wheeler, realizing the possibilities of track at the Abbey, plans to come out next year with a sizeable and representative schedule, possibly adding track to the growing list of major sports.



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FRANKIE REYNOLDS' BAND ENGAGED FOR FIRST FORMAL PROM OF SEASON; PIEDMONTERS EXPECT HUGE CROWD

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Spreading tonight's life-thrills, the Piedmont Club, sponsors of the Belmont Abbey College Senior Prom, will present one of the finest evenings in the Abbey social calendar. Frankie Reynolds and his Orchestra, one of the superlative dance bands in the east, will play and club officials are anticipating a vast number of visitors.

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THE SENIOR PROM

Calendar

SEPTEMBER

13. The Prep School begins.
16. Collegians begin their "big push" on the line of offense in their battle with Education.
19. Solemn Academic Mass sung, asking spiritual aid, for successful scholastic achievement.
25. Truckin', the Big Apple, latest dance crazes, exhibited in the Frosh-Soph shindig.

OCTOBER

12. Mr. William S. Willette delivers an interesting lecture entitled, "Bazaar in India."
23. Abbey students attend Sacred Heart College play called "Camouflage."
24. Piedmonsters, of all people, serve "Tea." !!!!
29. The Prepsters scoop their "big brothers" by staging the first laugh-fest of the season—"Rambler's Revue—1937 Edition."
30. All the old lace and lavender, the old silk topper, frock coat—dug from trunks stored these long years in attics—were used by members of the Piedmont Club and their guests at the Annual Masquerade given at the Community Center, Belmont.

NOVEMBER

1. Weary minds welcome first holiday of the season.
5. Mars Hill-Abbey football game cancelled, carrying the same effect as ice water on an unsuspecting individual.
11. Sacred Heart girls invited the boys to trip the light fantastic.
- 12-13. Abbey representation does itself proud at N. C. State Student Legislative Assembly held in Raleigh.
16. Edgar C. Raine, world's best authority on Alaska, gives Travelogue in Natural Colors.
25. Thanksgiving—student-feast follows Abbey-Campbell football game.
26. Gymnasium transferred into Fairyland as couples glide gracefully at Dance; Frankie Reynolds furnishes music sweet and hot; even old Jupe Pluvius couldn't dampen exuberant spirits.

DECEMBER

8. Feast of the Immaculate Conception; consequently, a holiday.
15. Sacred Heart College sponsors a party for Abbey.
16. Entire student body present at "Christmas Smoker." Father Gregory wields baton in community sing. Santa remembers all present.
18. Yuletide holidays begin. Halls silent fifteen minutes after closing bell.

JANUARY

4. Tired vacationers return for school. Story-swapping stirs up renewed energy.
17. Major Sharp lectures on "The Orient Today."
- 24-29. Midnight oil and cramming very much in style; reason, the semester examinations.

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FEBRUARY

7. Mr. Stanton Pickens delivers illustrated lecture on "Salesmanship."
14. Mr. John M. Tobin, A.F.L. official, gave collegians a real insight into the Labor Question.
22. Washington's Birthday—first free day of the new year.
26. Crusader cagesters cop championship.

MARCH

1. The Ramblers, a la Nickelodeon, hold their first swingomania.
4. "Liquid Air," lecture with demonstrations, presented to students.
6. "Sunday Evening at Eight." The college department stages three one-act comedies.
14. Dr. Tankersley, of Greensboro, lectures on "Medicine."
- 17-18-19. The Annual Retreat.
21. St. Benedict's Day. Abbey-Sacred Heart choirs sing. Father Charles, former pastor at Cathedral, delivers inspiring sermon. Bishop Eugene McGuinness pontificates.

APRIL

11. Margaret Culkin Banning, noted writer, lectures on "The Technique of the Short Story." Symposium follows lecture.
13. Ray Patterson elected editor of 1938-'39 *Contact*.
- 13-21. Spring holidays.
29. "The Phantom," three-act mystery drama, presented by new prep organization, Beta Alpha Theta Dramatic Society.

MAY

1. Piedmont Election Day. Wild campaigning, questionable electioneering—all characteristic of campus. Joe Conners, of Savannah, chosen president for next year.
3. Once lowly Frosh, not a bit stiff-necked, elect John Kabas president for next year.
6. Freshman, spurred to action by Kabas, stage Fun Frolic.
8. Rambler elections compared to national affairs.
18. Staff for 1939 SPIRE selected.
24. Abbey Players, revived after four years' idleness, present "The Last Warning."
26. Last free day of the college year.
31. Final Examinations begin.

JUNE

7. Senior Prom. Lots of fun, all smiles, no tears, everyone glad end is near.
8. Father Adelard again thrills students and visitors with musical program on Hammond organ.
9. Goodby, it's graduation day! Don't forget to write!

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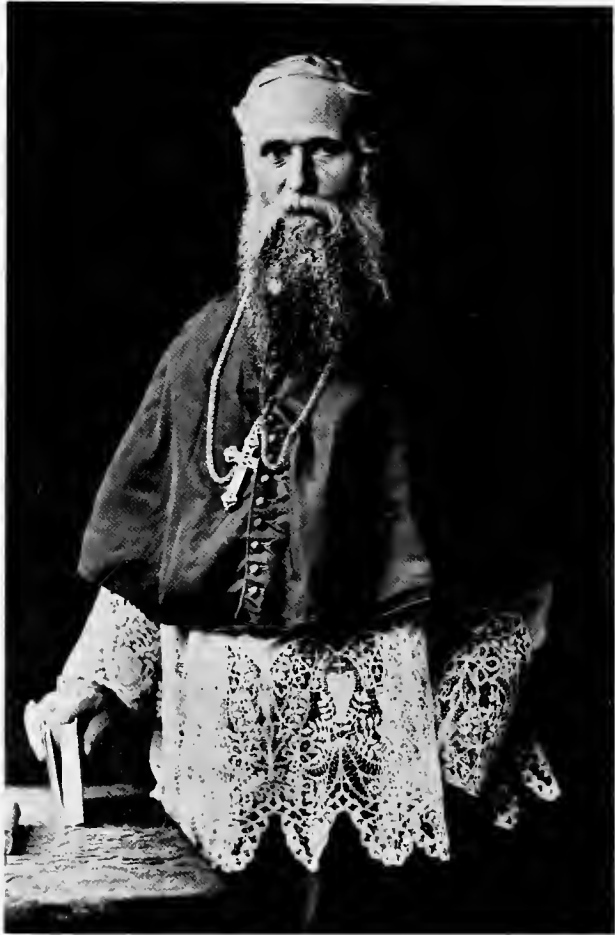
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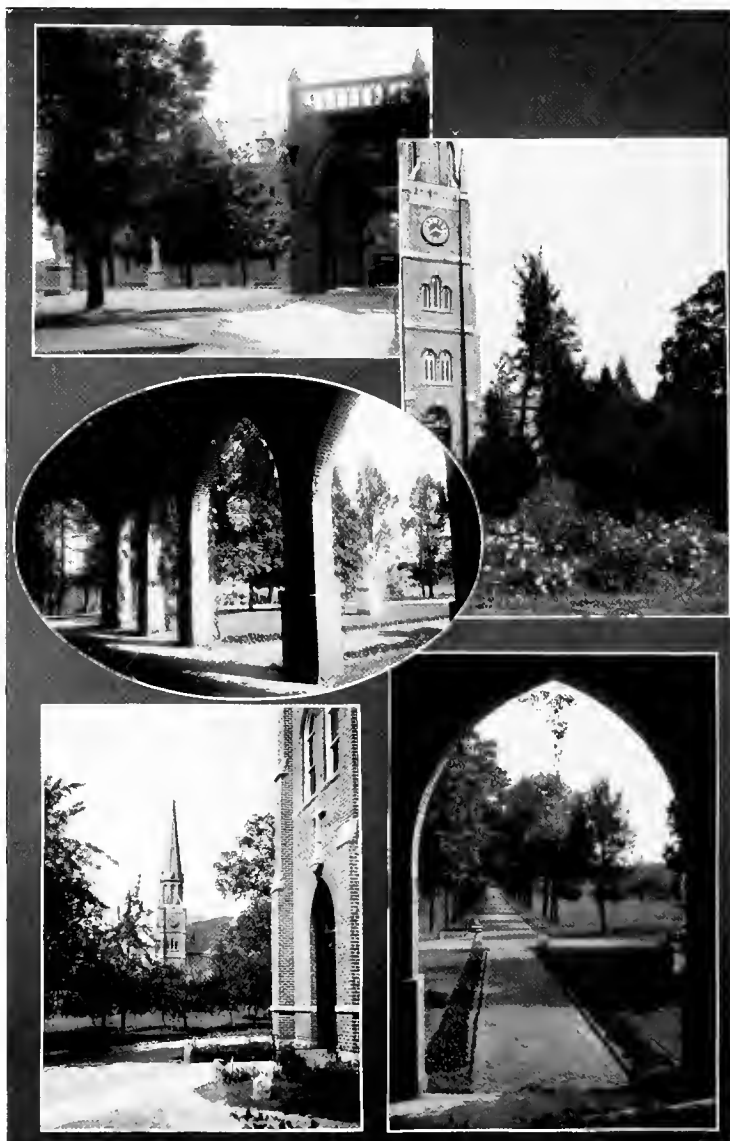
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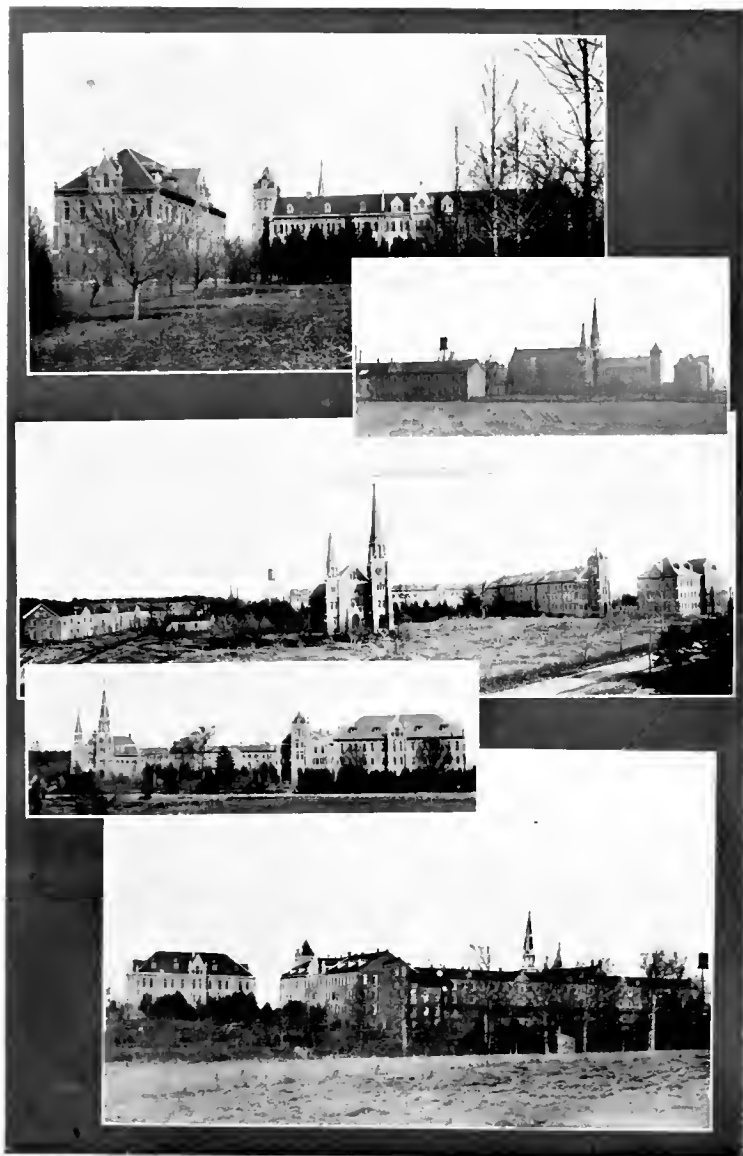


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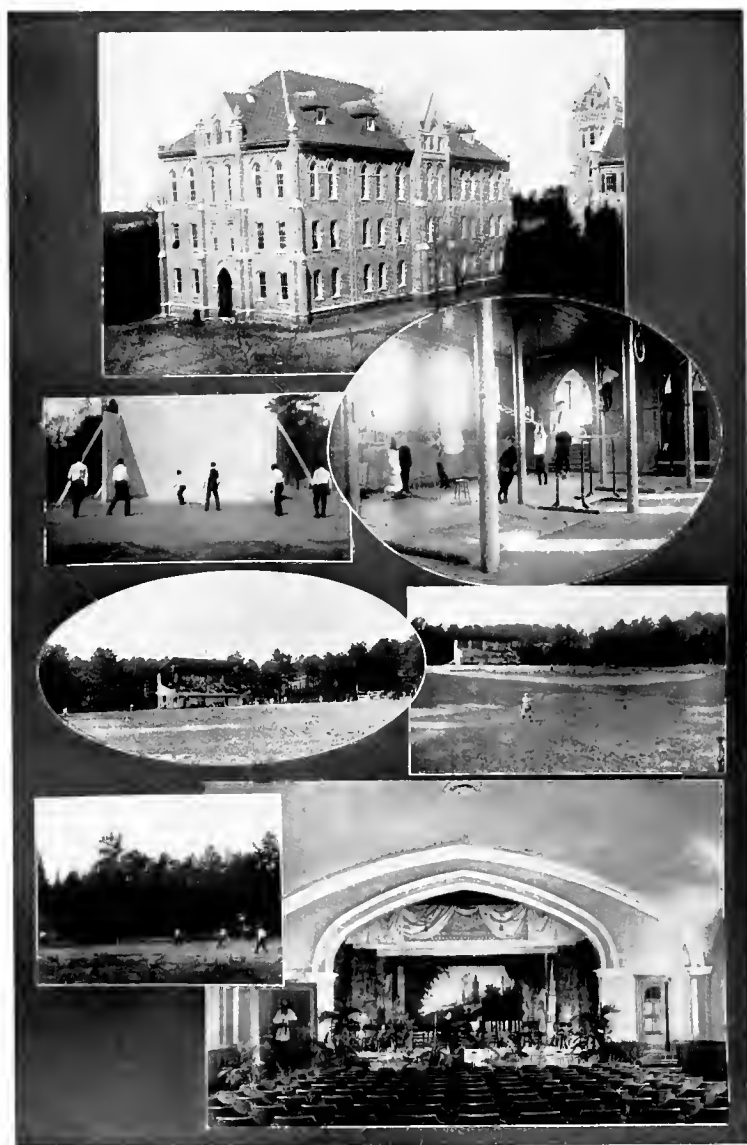


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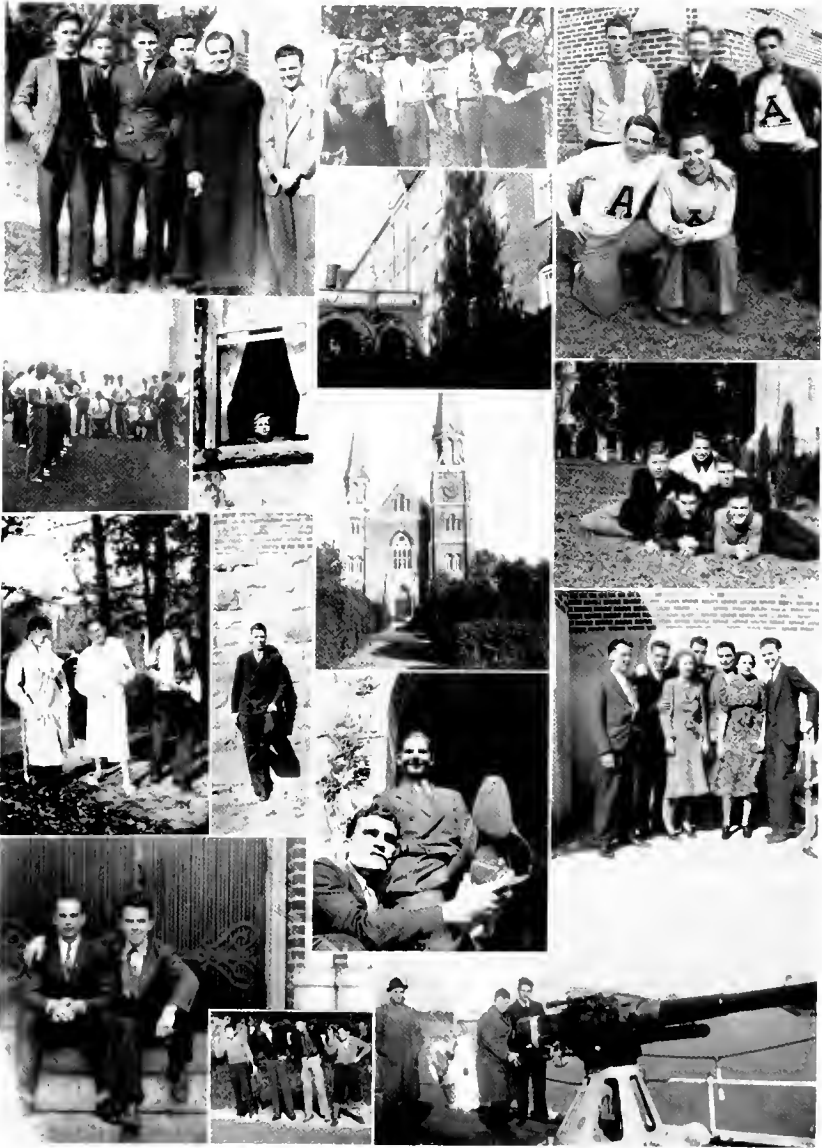
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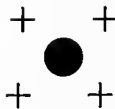
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